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CELEBRATION
OF SOVIET NATIONAL DAY YESTERDAY WAS HELD AT PRINCIPAL HAVANA THEATER ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT DORTICOS, MIKOYAN AND MOST OF CUBAN CABINET MINISTERS BUT THAT FIDEL CASTRO AND BROTHER, RAOUL'S ABSENCE WAS WIDELY REMARKED AND COMPARED TO ABSENCE OF CHINESE LEADERS ON RECENT SIMILAR OCCASIONS MOSCOW. PRESIDENT OF INRA, RODRIGUEZ BUSHED PRAISE FOR USSR AND HEAPED BLAME -IMPERIALIST AMERICA- WHICH HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THREAT OF WAR.

WHILE SPEAKERS REFERRED TO FIDEL CASTRO IN COMPLIMENTARY TERMS. THIS WAS MORE IN SPIRIT OF PRAISE FOR PROPHET OF PAST PROGRESS RATHER THAN AS ACTUAL HEAD OF GOVERNMENT.

REPORTED MIKOYAN AS LOOKING GLUM AND REFERRED TO RUMORS THAT HE HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING (UNSUCCESSFULLY) TO PERSUADE CASTRO VOLUNTARILY TO ABDICATE AUTHORITY OR AT LEAST TO TAKE LONG VACATION.

REPORTS OF RUMORED SEQUESTRATION SOVIET MISSILES IN CUBAN CAVES AND ON ISLE OF PINES WHICH APPEARED IN US PRESS YESTERDAY REPORTEDLY OBTAINED FROM "ANTI-CASTRO SOURCES".

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